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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, SP (LOPEZ RODO, LAUREANO)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF MINISTER LOPEZ RODO

REF: STATE 79261

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY JAVIER IRASTORZA, SEC GEN OF THE PLANNING MINISTRY, THAT HE WILL BE ACCOMPANYING MIN LOPEZ RODO TO THE US RATHER THAN MIGUEL SALIS. SUBSEQUENTLY A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM SALIS INDICATING HIS INABILITY TO TRAVEL. IRASTORZA SAID THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE SUB- DIR GEN FOR NORTH AMERICAN AND FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS, GUILLERMO PERINAT, WILL ALSO JOIN THE MINISTER ON THE TRIP; NO OTHERS ARE EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY THE MINISTER.

2. WHILE THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT YET FIRMLY FIXED, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE MINISTER AND HIS PARTY WILL DEPART MADRID MAY 12 ON IBERIA 951, ARRIVING IN NEW YORK AT JFK AT 15:30. IT IS ANTICIPATED THEY WILL THEN TAKE NATIONAL FLIGHT 111 ARRIVING AT WASHINGTON'S NATIONAL AIRPORT AT 18:03.

3. AS THE MINISTER UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH QUITE WELL AND SPEAKS IT PASSINGLY WELL, IRASTORZA SAID THAT NO INTERPRETER WILL BE REQUIRED, ESPECIALLY INASMUCH AS IRASTORZA AND PERINAT ALSO SPEAK ENGLISH.

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4. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR HOW LONG THE MINISTER WILL BE ABLE TO REMAIN IN THE US NOR WHERE HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO IRASTORZA THAT COMBUSTION ENGINEERING COULD TAKE OVER THE MINISTER'S PROGRAMMING FOLLOWING HIS LUNCHEON WITH THE SPANISH- AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WEDNESDAY, MAY 16. AS SOON AS FURTHER WORD ON THIS IS RECEIVED THE EMBASSY WILL INFORM THE DEPT.

5. IRASTORZA COULD SHED NO LIGHT ON THE REASONS FOR INCLUSION OF PERINAT IN LOPEZ RODO'S PARTY. WHETHER IT IS IN ANTICIPATION THAT THERE WOULD BE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT FORTHCOMING AND PERINAT HAS SOME EXPERIENCE IN THIS HAVING JUST RECENTLY TRAVELLED WITH HIS OWN MINISTER, LOPEZ BRAVO, ON A SIMILAR MISSION, OR WHETHER IT IS THAT LOPEZ BRAVO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A FIRST- HAND ACCOUNT OF LOPEZ RODO'S ACTIVITIES IN THE US, OR WHETHER IT IS DUE TO STILL OTHER FACTORS, IS A MATTER FOR SPECULATION.
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